

FLORIDA CANCER CONTROL AND RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Friday, May 29, 2020, 10:00 AM to 12:15 PM
Virtual Session Part 2

Council Members in Attendance

- Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto - Senate President's Appointee
- Robert Cassell, MD, PhD - Association of Community Cancer Centers
- Asher Chanan-Khan, MD - Florida Hospital Association
- Christopher Cogle, MD - Senate President's Appointee (Chair)
- Carole Duncanson - House Speaker's Appointee
- Patricia Geddie, PhD, APRN-CNS, AOCNS - Florida Nurses Association
- Clement Gwede, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN - Moffitt Cancer Center (Vice Chair)
- Melissa Murray Jordan, Florida Department of Health (sub for Scott Rivkees, MD)
- Nitesh Paryani, MD - Florida Medical Association
- Mitchell Peabody, DO - Florida Osteopathic Medical Association
- Ramzi Salloum, PhD - University of Florida Shands Cancer Center
- Amy Smith, MD - Governor's Appointee
- Dinah Trevil, MPA - Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center University of Miami (sub for Erin Kobetz, PhD)

Council Members Not in Attendance

- Representative Jamie Grant - House Speaker's Appointee
- Erin Kobetz, PhD - Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center University of Miami
- Scott Rivkees, MD - Florida's Surgeon General, Florida Department of Health
- Megan Wessel, MPH - American Cancer Society

Others

- Tenesha Avent - Southeast Regional Cancer Control Collaborative
- Daniel Armstrong, PhD, Chair, Florida Biomedical Research Advisory Council (BRAC)
- Leanne Baily - Merk
- Marion Banzhaf - Florida Department of Health
- Patsy Barrington - Northwest Regional Cancer Control Collaborative
- Joanie Bewa - Southwest Regional Cancer Control Collaborative
- Laura Corbin - Florida Department of Health
- Felicia Dickey - Florida Department of Health
- Linda Friedlander - Florida Department of Health
- Bonnie Gaughan-Bailey - Florida Department of Health
- Tara Hylton - Florida Department of Health
- Gary Levin - Florida Cancer Data System
- Virginia Liddell - Southwest Regional Cancer Control Collaborative
- Ashley Lyrely - American Lung Association
- Rebecca McClain - Florida Department of Health
- Bobbie McKee, PhD - Moffitt Cancer Center
- Merritt Martin - Moffitt Cancer Center
- Jose Morales - East Central Regional Cancer Control Collaborative
- Ken Peach - Northeast Regional Cancer Control Collaborative

- Lindsey Redding – North Central Regional Cancer Control Collaborative
- Gregg Smith - Florida Department of Health
- Thomas Stringer, MD - Florida Prostate Cancer Advisory Council (PCAC)
- Susan Vadaparampil, PhD - Moffitt Cancer Center
- Josephine Visser - East Central Regional Cancer Control Collaborative
- Jamie Wilson, DBA - Moffitt Cancer Center

Welcome

Dr. Chris Cogle began by welcoming members and guests, taking a moment to reaffirm the Council's mission to advise the state on ways to reduce cancer burden, and reviewing the day's agenda.

State Cancer Plan Implementation Discussion, Part 2

Dr. Cogle began the discussion of selecting 2020-2025 Florida Cancer Plan priorities to work on collectively by reviewing the summary of high priority goals and objectives that stakeholders shared at the CCRAB meeting on April 17, 2020, and the guidance/criteria for selecting objectives.

The most frequently talked about items were HPV and cervical cancer, tobacco, obesity, colorectal cancer screening, lung cancer screening, and survivorship. Transportation and lodging were also added.

There was discussion regarding the growing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on cancer screenings and services. Dr. Ramzi Salloum addressed the importance of considering not only issues such as transportation and lodging, but also the overall financial burden of cancer, which has been recognized as a top priority at the national level by groups such as the NCI and ASCO. This will be amplified with COVID-19 situation. Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto emphasized the need to consider the moment in time when developing a unified message. Many individuals are not receiving cancer screenings right now and need to be reminded of how critical it is to take care of themselves. The logistics of addressing transportation and lodging would likely be very difficult given the current situation with COVID-19. It is important to focus on a measurable way to make an impact. Dr. Susan Vadaparampil from Moffitt Cancer Center added that a unified message regarding screenings in general provides an opportunity to incorporate more specific messaging for issues like cervical cancer screening, which is an area that could immediately impact disparities.

Dr. Danny Armstrong addressed the importance of considering obesity given that it is a contributor to health disparities in hospitalizations and deaths in COVID-19 patients. He also reviewed the Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program research priorities. Among these research priorities are improving screening accuracy and detection in high risk groups, and examining the relationship between obesity and cancer, cancer treatment responsiveness, and cancer treatment-related morbidities.

There was discussion regarding survivorship. Several of the state's Regional Cancer Control Collaboratives are working on survivorship issues. Dr. Amy Smith echoed the importance of survivorship as a priority, and suggested the development of an overarching message that could address survivorship as well as screening, obesity, etc.

There was discussion regarding the development of messaging for a potential statewide campaign focused on staying healthy and resuming health services. Specific recommendations for taking action could be included under the umbrella of this overarching message. It is important to have a clear, appealing message. Tara Hylton from the DOH shared that the Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention has been working on health promotion messaging and outreach for chronic conditions during the pandemic. Laura Corbin from the DOH added that the state has a number of evidence-based chronic disease programs locally that promote screening, and suggested broadening the discussion of screening promotion to include health care providers and health systems to increase patient referrals to available services and programs.

Dr. Cogle asked if there was any additional input from representatives of the Regional Cancer Control Collaboratives given that the messaging being discussed would need to resonate at the community level.

There was general agreement that that the items being discussed – screening, prevention, survivorship, obesity, and transportation and lodging – are priorities being worked on at the community level. Clear messaging is important.

Gregg Smith from the Department of Health (DOH) provided an update regarding the pandemic impact and the Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Screening program. There has been a decrease in screenings, as many appointments from March, April, and May were rescheduled and many providers are not able to see patients unless it is essential.

There was discussion regarding the likelihood that many people might have lost jobs and/or health insurance during the pandemic.

Mr. Smith also provided an update on the state’s colorectal cancer screening program. The DOH is waiting to hear back regarding CDC funding for an additional five years. Felisha Dickey from the DOH added that this funding for the next cycle is specific to follow-up diagnostics after a positive FIT test.

Ashley Lyrely from the American Lung Association (ALA) shared that coverage for lung cancer screening is a priority issue for the ALA. Florida is one of only twelve states that does not cover Medicaid fee-for-service for lung cancer screening. Dr. Cogle asked if there is a gap in the availability of facilities. Ms. Lyrely will look into this and provide follow up information.

Dr. Cogle recapped the campaign discussed during this meeting. Under the umbrella of the “take care, be safe” theme, specific priority areas will be linked to specific strategies to achieve Cancer Plan objectives. Drs. Cogle, Gwede and McKee will reach out to the DOH, American Cancer Society and other stakeholders to discuss further developing the statewide campaign prior to the next CCRAB meeting.

CCRAB Business

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Clement Gwede presented the minutes. Dr. Robert Cassell made a motion to accept the minutes. Carole Duncanson seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The Council concurred with no objections.

CCRAB Leadership

Dr. Cogle reminded Council members that nominations for the CCRAB Chair and Vice Chair positions need to be submitted to Dr. Bobbie McKee by June 17, 2020.

Next CCRAB Meeting

Dr. Cogle stated that the next CCRAB meeting will be in September or October of 2020. He asked Council members to notify Dr. McKee of dates they are unavailable.

Adjourn

Dr. Cogle thanked everyone for participating. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM on May 29, 2020.